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By the King,

Er. Rm. J. Wm. 1697.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

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Whereas by an Act made this present Session of Parliament, It is Enacted, That all and Singular Our Receivers, Collectors, and other Officers concerned in the Receipt or Collection of any of Our Aids, Taxes, or other Revenues, or of any Loans to be made to Us, shall, and they and every of them, are thereby Impowered and Required to Take and Receive in Payment from any of Our Subjects, all such Hammered Silver Coin as shall be by them Tended to such Receiver, Collector or other Officer, upon any Loans to be made to Us, or in Discharge of any Arrears which shall grow due to Us upon any Aids, Taxes, or other Revenue, at any time between the Fourteenth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety six, and the First Day of February then next ensuing, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence for every Dunce of such Hammered Silver Coin so Tended or Lent, and the Tender, Payment, or Loan of every Dunce of such Hammered Silver Coin, is by the said Act Declared to be as good a Discharge to the Person, Tending, Paying or Lending the same, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, for the Sum of Five Shillings and Eight Pence, as though the Sum of Five Shillings and Eight Pence had been Tended, Paid or Lent in the Lawful Current Coin of this Kingdom. And whereas We have received Information, That several of Our Receivers, Collectors and other Officers concerned in the Receipt and Collection of Our Aids, Taxes, and other Revenue, have, contrary to the Direction of the said Act, Refused to Receive from Our Loving Subjects in Payment of the Taxes and other Revenues Due to Us, such Hammered Silver Coin at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence for every Dunce thereof, as by the said Act is Appointed, which is a manifest Violation of the said Act, and a great Oppression of Our Loving Subjects. Therefore We being desirous that the Directions of the said Act should be punctually Observed, and put in Execution by all Our said Receivers, Collectors and other Officers therein concerned, and that Our Loving Subjects should receive the full Advantage intended them by the said Act, and the better to Enable them to Pay Our said Taxes and Revenues, have thought fit to Declare and Command, and by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, Declare and Command all and every the Receivers, Collectors and other Officers concerned in the Receipt or Collection of any of Our Aids, Taxes or Revenues, or in the Receipt of Loans to be made to Us, to Take and Receive in Payment from any of Our Loving Subjects, according to the Directions of the said Act, all such Hammered Silver Coin as shall be by them Tended to such Receiver, Collector or other Officer, upon any Loans to be made to Us, or in Discharge of any Arrears Due, or which shall grow Due to Us upon any Aids, Taxes or other Revenue, at any time between the said Fourteenth Day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety six, and the First Day of February next ensuing, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence for every Dunce of such Hammered Silver Coin so Tended or Lent. And We do hereby Strictly Charge and Command all the Receivers, Collectors, and other Officers of Our Aids, Taxes, or Revenues, or of any Loans to be made to Us, That they do accept in Payment such Hammered Silver Coin, at the Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence for every Dunce thereof, according to the Directions of the said recited Act of Parliament, and that they do yield intire Obedience to the said Act in every other Matter and Thing therein contained, relating to the Receipt of such Hammered Silver Coin, or otherwise, as they tender Our high Displeasure, and upon Pain of such Punishment as may by Law be inflicted upon all such as shall Refuse or Neglect to Observe and Perform what by the said Act they are Required and Enjoined to do.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Tenth Day of January, 1697. In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.